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Frederic KLEIN et al)	Group Art Unit: 1645
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Application No.: 09/155,982)	Examiner: Virginia Allen Portner
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Filed: October 9, 1998)	Confirmation No.: 9420
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For: MEANS FOR DETECTING BACTERIA)	
OF THE TAYLORELLA)	
EQUIGENTILIS SPECIES AND)	
THEIR BIOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS)	
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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Enclosed is a Second Supplemental Reply for the above-identified patent application.

☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.

☐ Also enclosed is/are _____

☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.

☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$375.00 (2801) ☐ \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.

☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted __, on __, for which continued examination is requested.

☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least __, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

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- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

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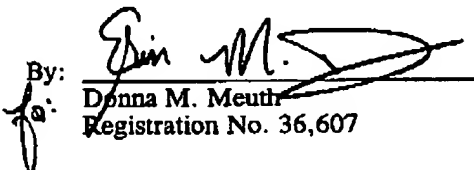
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Respectfully submitted,

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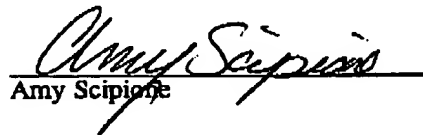
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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Further to Applicants' Supplemental Amendment dated June 6, 2003, please amend
the above-identified application as follows.